

Remarks/Arguments:

This is a reply to the office action of March 24.

The examiner rejected claims 17 - 37 on the ground that the words "at either end thereof", which had been introduced in the preliminary amendment filed with the application, were new matter. In a telephone interview April 26, we pointed out it was not our intention to expand on the scope of the invention in making the amendment. We intended only to improve English usage. We agree "each" instead of "either" might be clearer, and have made that change above.

Please verify the drawing and priority claim status in the next action. Some of the boxes in items 10 and 12 of the first action were not checked.

Respectfully submitted,



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